



## All of Aruba agrees; Russ Titzer's birthday is a day to celebrate!

Russ Titzer of Newburgh, Indiana, and his wife Pam have been devoted visitors to Aruba for every year for the last ten years, and with very good reason. His first visit to the island was a birthday present to honor the big **5-0**, while vacationing on the island he discovered that all of Aruba saw fit to celebrate Russ's birthday, because it falls on Himno y Bandera Day, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Russ was entranced to find that his birthday was a National Holiday, at least *somewhere*, and what better place than the island where he and Pam knew they would love to return year after year?

The decision was made, and they invested in a time-share in the Renaissance resort, where they have vacationed faithfully for the last ten years, sometimes returning more than once in a year. Over that time they have befriended many other timeshare owners with which they have forged strong bonds that make their annual visit something they look forward to with great excitement and anticipation.

This year, Russ marked the transition into the seventieth decade of his life, and one of his good friends that he has made on the island, Ina Boekhoedt of the Red Sail Sports outlet located on Renaissance Island felt that this birthday should be a very special one. Pam was hesitant, as it has been thirty years since she arranged any sort of surprise party for Russ, and she had no idea how to go about it in Aruba. "Don't worry," Ina informed her, "I will take care of everything." More than simply "taking care" Ina made that extra effort that comes from the heart; a beautiful cake, a bouquet of flowers, banners and balloons and a streamer of flags for festive decoration, and everything color coordinated to the hues of the Aruban flag, aqua, red, yellow and white. Not only did all this come from her heart, but also her pocketbook, as it was her pleasure to give this gift to her good friends that return to see her every year.

A dozen friends joined them for lunch and cake on the island, with gifts, cards, and good company. Russ took this surprise party very well, and accepted some wonderful gifts and the attention gracefully. Even Omar the boat driver that transports guests to and from the island joined the party, and Russ received a hearty *Pabien* from all the Renaissance Island employees. Congratulations to Russ on his big day, a cause for celebration around the entire island!